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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W. Room 704
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
Leveraged Lease Financing
BNSF 1998-B

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am enclosing for recording pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code, two copies of each of the two primary documents described below and the two secondary documents described below. As one of the attorneys representing the Lessee in this transaction, I have knowledge of the matters described in this letter.

The primary documents are as follows:

(1) Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1998-B), dated as of September 25, 1998, between Wilmington Trust Company, as lessor (the "Lessor"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as lessee (the "Lessee"); and

(2) Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1998-B), dated as of September 25, 1998, between Wilmington Trust Company, as Owner Trustee (the "Owner Trustee"), and First Security Bank, National Association, as Indenture Trustee (the "Indenture Trustee").

The secondary documents are as follows:

B → (1) Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-B), dated as of September 25, 1998, between the Lessee and the Lessor; and

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(2) Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-B), dated as of September 25, 1998, between the Owner Trustee and the Indenture Trustee.

The primary documents to which Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-B) and Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-B) are connected are the Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1998-B) and the Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1998-B), respectively, referred to above, which are being submitted for recording concurrently therewith.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed documents are as follows:

MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT

Lessee: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
2650 Lou Menk Drive
Second Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830

Lessor: Wilmington Trust Company
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001

MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

Owner Trustee: Wilmington Trust Company
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001

Indenture Trustee: First Security Bank, National Association
79 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

B → MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

Lessee: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
2650 Lou Menk Drive
Second Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830

Lessor: Wilmington Trust Company
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001

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MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1

Owner Trustee: Wilmington Trust Company
Rodney Square North
1100 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001

Indenture Trustee: First Security Bank, National Association
79 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

The description of the equipment covered as of the date hereof by the aforesaid Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement, Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement, Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 and Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 is as set forth on Exhibit A hereto.

A fee of one hundred four dollars (\$104.00) is enclosed. Please time and date stamp the enclosed copy of each of the enclosed documents along with the extra copy of this letter as proof of filing and recordation of the enclosed documents and return the original and any extra copies of such documents and this letter not needed by the Commission for recordation to:

Michael G. McGee, Esq.
Chapman and Cutler
111 West Monroe
Chicago, Illinois 60603

A short summary of each of the documents to appear in the index follows:

(1) MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1998-B) between Wilmington Trust Company, as Lessor, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830, dated as of September 25, 1998, covering the new locomotives bearing the reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto.

(2) MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT:

Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement (BNSF 1998-B) between Wilmington Trust Company, Owner Trustee, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and First Security Bank, National Association, as Indenture Trustee, 79 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, dated as of September 25, 1998, covering the obligations of the Owner Trustee and the Lessee relating to new locomotives bearing the reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto.

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(3) MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1:

Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-B) between Wilmington Trust Company, as Lessor, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee, 2650 Lou Menk Drive, Second Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2830, dated as of September 25, 1998, covering new locomotives bearing the reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto. Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 is related to the Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement between the Lessor and the Lessee dated as of September 25, 1998, which is filed concurrently herewith.


(4) MEMORANDUM OF TRUST INDENTURE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1:

Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-B) between Wilmington Trust Company, as Owner Trustee, Rodney Square North, 1100 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19890-0001 and First Security Bank, National Association, as Indenture Trustee, 79 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, dated as of September 25, 1998, covering the obligations of the Owner Trustee and the Lessee relating to new locomotives bearing reporting marks listed in the exhibit attached thereto. The Memorandum of Trust Indenture Supplement No. 1 is related to the Memorandum of Trust Indenture and Security Agreement between the Owner Trustee and the Indenture Trustee, dated as of September 25, 1998, which is filed concurrently herewith.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned (312-845-3767).

Sincerely,

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER

By 
Michael G. McGee

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Enclosure

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EXHIBIT A

UNITS

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	REPORTING MARKS
General Electric Company Dash 9-44 CW Diesel Electric Locomotives	100	BNSF 4772 through BNSF 4861, inclusive, BNSF 4867 through BNSF 4871, inclusive, and BNSF 4874 through BNSF 4878, inclusive

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MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1
(BNSF 1998-B)

Memorandum of Lease Supplement No. 1 made and entered into as of September 25, 1998 by and between Wilmington Trust Company, as Owner Trustee, a Delaware banking corporation ("*Lessor*"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, a Delaware corporation ("*Lessee*").

WITNESSETH:

1. The undersigned have entered into that certain Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 1998-B) (the "*Lease Agreement*"), dated as of ~~September 1~~^{February 10}, 1998, effective as of the date first set forth hereinabove and subject to the term defined in said Lease Agreement.

2. A memorandum of said Lease Agreement is being recorded with the Surface Transportation Board concurrently herewith pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code.

3. The undersigned have entered into that certain Lease Supplement No. 1 (BNSF 1998-B), dated September 25, 1998, whereby the terms and provisions of the above-described Lease Agreement are made applicable to certain locomotives bearing reporting marks as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY

By _____
Name: JAMES P. LAWLER
Title: Vice President

Executed on this 21st day of September, 1998.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY

By _____
Name: Linda J. Hurt
Title: Assistant Vice President-Finance
and Assistant Treasurer

Executed on this ____ day of September, 1998.

**MEMORANDUM OF LEASE SUPPLEMENT NO. 1
(BNSF 1998-B)**

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WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY

By _____
Name:
Title:

Executed on this ____ day of September, 1998.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY

By 
Name: Linda J. Hurt
Title: Assistant Vice President-Finance
and Assistant Treasurer

Executed on this 21st day of September, 1998.

STATE OF DE)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF New Castle)

On this, the 21st day of September, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared James P. Lawler, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the Vice President of WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on September 21st, 1998 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Debra Eberly
Name: **DEBRA EBERLY**
Notary Public **NOTARY PUBLIC**
My Commission Expires **December 13, 1998**
Residing in Belm, DE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF COOK)

On this, the _____ day of September, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Linda J. Hurt, who being by me duly sworn, says that she is the Assistant Vice President-Finance and Assistant Treasurer of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on September __, 1998 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and she acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF _____)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF _____)

On this, the _____ day of September, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the _____ of WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on September __, 1998 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

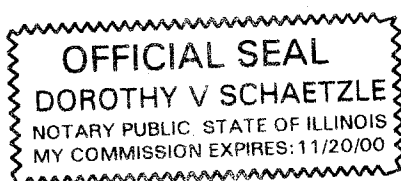
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF COOK)

On this, the 21ST day of September, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Linda J. Hurt, who being by me duly sworn, says that she is the Assistant Vice President-Finance and Assistant Treasurer of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed on September 21, 1998 on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and she acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.



Dorothy V. Schaeetzle
Name: DOROTHY V. SCHAETZLE
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 11/20/00
Residing in Lake In The Hills

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